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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN TAKES STEPS TOWARDS RATIFICATION OF SLAVERY AND  
TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES CONVENTIONS

[¶1](#). Kazakhstan has taken another step towards ratification of the  
Slavery Convention, Protocol of Changes and Amendments to the  
Slavery Convention, and the Additional Protocol on Slavery  
Abolishment (Slavery Convention).

[¶2](#). The Slavery Convention was approved by the Mazhilis (the lower  
chamber of Parliament) on December 12 and sent to the Senate (the  
upper chamber) for action. Following Senate approval, the draft law  
will be sent to President Nazarbaev for signature, which will  
complete the process of Kazakhstan's accession to this convention  
and the aforementioned protocols.

[¶3](#). A Mazhilis working group was formed on December 4 to consider a  
draft law on ratification of the UN Convention on Transnational  
Crimes and three additional convention protocols. It is expected  
that Kazakhstan will accede to the UN Convention on Transnational  
Crimes shortly after ratification of the Slavery Convention.

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